




NORTHALLERTON DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS

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D.E.S.C. Update

When I agreed to take on the role of District Explorer Scout Commissioner (D.E.S.C.) from September, I had expected to spend some time helping with the establishing of the new Northallerton Unit and to visit the Alverton as well as talk to the Explorer Scout section leaders and then hold a general Explorer Scout meeting towards Christmas. I had not expected to spend so much time reading that various items relation to the forthcoming Escape2Venture trip to Australia.

As working on the pressing items relating to the Australia trip and other things that were delaying progress of items directly relating to the Explorer scouts programme and Awards these had to be the priority. Hopefully we are now in a position where the Australia trip issues have all been resolved and the all though involved can go on what should be a wonderful adventure.

My priorities now over the next few months is to ensure that the records for all Explorer Scouts are brought up-to-date and all the relevant Badges, Awards and certificates issued. I would also like to know of any issues of concern from both Explorer Scouts and their parents. As part of this I intend to hold an open update meeting for Explorer Scouts and parents in the new year (probably early February). In the mean time don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Charles

Operation of the Explorer Scout Section

Unlike Beaver Scout Colonies, Cub Scout Packs and Scout Troops which are part of Scout Groups, the Explorer Scout section is managed directly by the Scout District. All Explorers within the District wear the same necker and from now all pay the same membership fees (subs). Each Explorer Scout is a member of one of the Home Units (i.e. Alverton, BARNES or Northallerton), but except where numbers for an activity need to be restricted, all Unit meetings are open to all Explorers. Each Unit should have nominated an Explorer representative to attend the bi-monthly meetings of the District Executive.

Similarly unless there are reasons for restricting the number of participants, all activities are available for all Explorer Scouts in the District. The BARNES unit provisional programme is available on the web at www.northallerton-scouts.org.uk/barnes/reports and includes the dates for most of the Northallerton Unit meetings. Hopefully we will soon have a calendar showing all three Units programmes. When the decision was made to open the third Unit (i.e. Northallerton) part of this was that the first meeting of each month would be a joint meeting with the BARNES Unit and held at Malpas Road. In addition to this joint meeting, the BARNES and Northallerton Units are holding a joint DoEA / Chief Scout Award session each month.



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Archery

Kevin has stated running an Archery course for Explorer Scouts with a series of sessions over the coming months for you to improve your skills and build up the hours needed for the sport section of your DoEA and Chief Scout Awards as well as gaining a "Master of Arms" award. Over the winter months the sessions will be held in a barn. These Archery sessions are open to all Northallerton District Explorers. Please contact Kevin directly if you want to be part of the Archery group.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Please remember to check that the things you intend doing are suitable for the award and that you ask whoever you are working with to complete your award book for you. The first part of this needs to be filled in as you start your service etc. with the plan and the rest when you complete the section. Note of you are using Being a Young Leader in Scouting as your service, you must complete Module A (and the associated project) plus for bronze two other modules, for Silver two other modules and for gold five other modules.

Don't miss out on gaining recognition for work you are already doing just because you have not done the paperwork!



Chief Scout Awards

Please don't forget to pick your two extra tasks to convert your DoEA Awards into a Scouting awards as well.

Please start to think about you expeditions for DoEA and CSA now. Remember that both the practice and the real thing for DoEA Silver and CSDA are three full days (two nights) and thus can only be done in a holiday (i.e. Easter, May Day, Whitsuntide, Summer and October). This does mean that some planning between all team members and their families is required.



North Yorkshire Scout Jamboree 2009 July 25th - 1st August 2009

A number of Explorer Scouts from the District have already registered and paid their first instalment of their NYJAM fee. But it is not too late to join in the fun. As Explorer Scouts you can come along either as participants or a Young Leaders on the staff. All Explorers should have already received information about NYJAM via their Unit meetings. Those people who have not yet registered will find a leaflet and registration form enclosed with this newsletter.

Young Leaders

There is a County Young Leaders Weekend being held 6th - 8th March 2009. This will be a mixture of formal training and fun activities for everyone.



If you wish to go and have not yet booked your place, please contact Charles for a registration form or download one from the diary on the County web site at www.nys.org.uk.

If you going an activity with a Group section (i.e. Beavers, Cubs or Scouts) as Young Leaders **it is very important that your parents complete a consent form and that you send the details to the D.E.S.C. well before the event.** As Explorer Scouts the D.E.S.C. has responsibility for what you are doing in the same way as the Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.) has for Beaver, Cubs and Scouts. The D.E.S.C. will ensure that the appropriate notifications are sent in and that the activity is added to your Scouting Record of Achievement.

Failure to inform the D.E.S.C. what you are doing may mean that you and the people you are working with are not covered by Scouting Insurance.

District Carol Service

The District Carol Service is on Thursday 11th December at Scruton Church. Further details soon.

BARNES Unit Meetings

The next meetings are at 19:00 on Sunday 30th November at Malpas Road with the Northallerton Unit and 19th May and at 19:30 on the 15th December at East Cowton.

The date of the Unit Christmas meal and presentation evening has yet to be confirmed but is likely to be in the week commencing 15th December.

Operation "Gairatpur Baas" 2008

Member of the BARNES Unit raised just over £1200 for a school in India. A small party from the Unit went to India for three weeks in the summer holiday to help at the school by digging footing for the School Hall and working with the children and to be tourists at the weekend.

Since our return home, we have received letters of thanks from the school and as a Unit are continuing to raise money for the school. Lots more information about this project at www.best-bets.org.uk

Congratulations to Adam Welham and Amy Wright of BARNES Unit for gaining the DoEA Bronze and Chief Scout Platinum Awards in October. Hopefully we will see a few more very soon.

Unit Meetings Early in the New Year

There will be meetings and activities early in January for those Explorer Scouts not away in Australia. Details will be confirmed before Christmas.

BARNES and Northallerton March Camp with Ripon Explorer Scouts

BARNES and Northallerton Explorer Scouts please return your camp forms this week if you wish to take part in the March activity weekend.



Just a year to go to Northallerton Gang Show 2009.

In addition to a cast to appear on stage, help will be needed as backstage crew, front of house staff and with the design, building and painting of scenery.

Details will be available soon on the Gang Show web site at www.northallertongangshow.org.uk

Name and Address Details

If your name or address is incorrect on the envelope, please e-mail the corrections to desc@northallerton-scouts.org.uk

Any Questions?

If you have any questions or suggestions, please e-mail them to Charles (desc@northallerton-scouts.org.uk).



Australia Trip

Well done to everyone involved in the many fund-raising events to help with the costs of the trip.

The plans are in the final stages and it looks as if everyone would have an absolutely wonderful time both in the week leading up to New Year when visiting various attractions and at Escape2Venture.

Bob Hampson will be the home contact for this event and as such the main contact for the time people are away. Further details and updates will be circulated to members of V2009 soon.